

World Bank team here to look into education

AMMAN (JNA). — A delegation from the World Bank arrived here Sunday to look into the implementation of education projects in Jordan. The International Development Association (IDA) has granted Jordan a JD 2 million loan to finance projects to expand and improve vocational training, provide adult education and organise refresher courses for workers in the mining, industrial, agricultural, foodstuffs and tourism sectors. The loan also covers rural development in the Jordan Valley and improving teaching standards by equipping schools with workshops for practical work. The project includes the setting up of a technical scientific institute in Irbid, a vocational training complex in Aqaba, a hotel management school in Amman, a centre for rural development in the Jordan Valley and three new secondary schools for 6,300 students. The total cost of the project is estimated at JD 5.8 million. The United Nations Development Programme will cover the expenses of experts and all scholarships required for the project.

Australian M.P.s leave

AMMAN (JNA). — An Australian parliamentary delegation left here Sunday morning for a five-day visit during which it discussed bilateral relations and the Middle East situation with Jordanian officials. The delegation met with His Highness Crown Prince Hassan, Prime Minister Mudar Baqan and Speaker of the Upper House Bahjat Talhouni. The delegation, on a Middle East tour, had earlier visited Egypt and Syria.

Non-Jordanian workers may face restrictions

AMMAN (JNA). — Non-Jordanians working here could be in for restrictions following a meeting of an ad hoc committee dealing with competition from foreign workers. The committee, chaired by Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Labour Dr. Jawad Anani, presented memoranda to the government about non-Jordanian competition with local workers and the effect on the labour market. Dr. Anani said that agreement was reached in principle on several measures that will guarantee the rights of Jordanian workers. These include giving priority to Jordanians in industry and preventing the hiring of non-Jordanians inside the country and their transfer from one company to another except with the approval of the Ministry of Labour. The committee, formed by the Minister of Labour after Cabinet request, comprises representatives from the Labour and Interior Ministries, the Directorate of Public Security, the General Federation

of Jordanian Trade Unions and the Amman Chambers of Commerce and Industry. Labour Ministry sources said that in the last six months work permits were issued to 5,000 non-Jordanian workers. Last year, the Department of Employment issued about 4,800 permits. Municipal sources said the military had repeatedly told them they could obtain electricity from the Israeli national grid, like most other towns and villages in the West Bank, but they refused to do so. They said that under Jordanian law, which is still administered by the Israelis in the West Bank, local councils are entitled to produce and sell their own power, and they insist on their prerogative to do so. Residents said the town suffers from frequent power failures because of the old age of the generators. The council insists on them being replaced.

Nablus protests Israeli ban on electric generators

TEL AVIV, July 18 (R). — The Municipal Council of Nablus, on the occupied West Bank, met yesterday to draft a protest to the military governor of the region against his refusal to allow the town to buy new electricity generators. Municipal sources said the military had repeatedly told them they could obtain electricity from the Israeli national grid, like most other towns



His Highness Crown Prince Hassan discusses a point with a delegation from the Arab Chemists Federation Monday. It is here for a session of their Higher Council. (JNA photo).

Prince Hassan urges technology buildup

AMMAN (JNA). — His Highness Crown Prince Hassan Monday called for the mobilisation of all resources to build up Arab technology for industry. Prince Hassan was speaking to members of the Higher Council of the Arab Chemists Federation Monday. He told his visitors that Jordan is an open laboratory, ready to support scientific research within its means. He also expressed Jordan's readiness to support the Arab Chemists Federation. The meeting was attended by the President of the University of Jordan, Dr. Ishaq Farhan. In its Sunday evening session, the Higher Council approved a number of recommendations drawn up by its sub-committees. It decided to issue a directory of all Arab chemists, and in particular those involved in scientific and industrial research; to exchange expertise among Arab chemists working in similar industries; to support chemical research work; and to facilitate the participation of chemists in scientific seminars on the Arab and international level. The conferees also decided to issue a periodical on chemistry to help propagate interest among the Arab youth. Earlier, the conference discussed the basis for cooperation with UNESCO. It reviewed a draft agreement presented by UNESCO in support for the federation's plan to undertake a comprehensive survey of Arab chemical research work. Under the draft agreement, UNESCO will provide a maximum \$10,000 grant for each piece of research work undertaken. The conferees also agreed to accept Algeria, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Morocco as members provided chemists in these countries form unions eligible for membership in the federation. They also discussed a number of administrative and financial matters relevant to the running of the federation and discussed possible financial help from Arab funds. The conference entrusted the federation's Secretariat with contacting such funds. Participants Monday visited the Royal Scientific Society. They toured its various sections and were briefed on its activities and future plans by its Director General, Dr. Albert Butros. The Prince stressed the need for a comprehensive survey on the brain drain. He also spoke about the health situation, stressing the need for more precautionary services for children. Referring to the economic and supply situation, Crown Prince Hassan stressed government efforts to provide supply and consumption commodities to the public at reasonable prices.

... and meets education directors

AMMAN (JNA). — His Highness Crown Prince Hassan Monday held an open dialogue with directors of education departments and teachers institutions from all over Jordan. The meeting, which took place at the Royal Scientific Society (RSS), reviewed education and improvements made in the education system. Prince Hassan warned against improvisation in planning, especially in the education and social fields.

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CAPUCCI ON HUNGER STRIKE, NEWSPAPER SAYS

AMMAN, July 18 (J.T.). — Jerusalem's Greek Catholic Archbishop Hilariou Capucci, serving a 12-year jail term in Israel, has been on a hunger strike since last Monday, Al-Dustour said today. Archbishop Capucci, found guilty in 1974 of smuggling arms and explosives on behalf of Al Fatah, was protesting prison conditions, it said. The newspaper said that despite Israeli promises, the priest continues to be confined to a tiny cell.

Badran: Food prices must be tightened

AMMAN Premier Mudar Badran Monday stressed the need to tighten price controls on food to enable citizens to purchase such commodities at a reasonable price. The prime minister was presiding over a meeting at the Ministry of Supply to discuss the general supply situation in the Kingdom. He gave instructions that strict punitive measures be applied against merchants violating prices determined by the ministry. It was agreed during the meeting to ban the export of vegetables and fruit unless the local market is saturated. The partial export of tomatoes, cucumbers and eggplants was permitted. The meeting was attended by the minister of agriculture,

acting minister of supply and top officials of the Ministry of Supply.

Entry to Lebanon by foreigners in for strict control

BEIRUT, July 18 (R). — Interior Minister Salah Salaman said today that the entry of foreigners into Lebanon would be more strictly controlled in future in an effort to prevent future hijack attempts. Foreigners would be allowed to enter for only one week, and would have to report to police to receive permission to stay longer, he said in an interview on the radio of the rightwing Phalangist Party.



A member of a visiting delegation of U.S. university professors meets Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces Lt. Gen. Zeid Ibn Shaker Monday morning. The 16-member team, here on a short visit to study Jordan's social environment, visited Yarmouk University Sunday. (JNA photo).

Mr. Ihsan Michele Seikaly and Miss Lilian Elia Jilde were married on Saturday, July 16 at Bishara Greek Orthodox Church, Abdali. A reception was held at the Flying Carpet Club after the religious ceremony.

The widow of Mr. Fouad Sidrassi, the former Alia Area Manager, Tunisia, will receive condolences on Tuesday and Wednesday, July 19 and 20 at her residence. Address: 5th Circle, opposite Kurdi Farm.

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OPEC members move off-stage for quiet price bargaining

BEIRUT, July 18 (R). — After an uncontentious ministerial conference in Sweden last week, ending six months of public disarray, oil exporting countries seem agreed on quiet bargaining over next year's prices.

Arab diplomatic sources say that the member states of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), with this year's price split behind them, are likely to line up the 1978 price policy well ahead of time.

The atmosphere at past OPEC conferences is now thought to have encouraged confrontation rather than compromise, the sources said.

Oil ministers are due to meet in Caracas, Venezuela, on

December 20 to fix next year's selling prices. Arab diplomats think they will make energetic efforts to settle the question in off-stage negotiations before the Caracas conference.

Industry experts think that present signs, and the condition of a glutted oil market, point to a comparatively small increase in the price of oil.

Last December, Saudi Arabia, supported only by the United Arab Emirates, broke with the majority of OPEC and refused to raise prices by a total of 15 per cent in 1977.

For the first six months of this year, there were two oil prices in world markets. But shortly before this month's meeting in Stockholm, the two sides settled their differences and agreed on a single basic

price for the rest of the year.

Hints on the attitudes of some of the 13 OPEC states started emerging on the last day of the Stockholm conference.

Saudi Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani told reporters in Stockholm he was confident there will not be another price split because OPEC had learned its lesson.

He said however, his country would like to see present prices remain unchanged next year and hoped its OPEC partners would see the wisdom of such a freeze. Libyan oil Minister Ezzdin Mabrouk whose country is usually among those pressing for higher prices, said a freeze would be completely unacceptable.

The majority of members refused however, to commit themselves. Algerian Minister Said Ahmad Ghazali said it was too early to speak in detail about 1978 prices.

U.S. Congressman contests Pentagon estimations of Soviet naval shipbuilding

WASHINGTON, July 18 (R). — United States Defence Department predictions of Soviet naval shipbuilding between 1969 and 1973 were grossly overestimated, Democratic Congressman Les Aspin said yesterday.

He said the figures for those years were usually wrong and mostly too large, creating what he termed "a vast red fleet that sails only in the Pentagon's filing cabinets."

Releasing a study on Pentagon predictions of the ships the Soviet navy would commission between 1970 and 1975 Mr. Aspin said the score was:

Accurate -- 29 per cent,
Too small -- 14 per cent,
Too big -- 57 per cent.

Mr. Aspin, a member of the House Armed Services Committee, said "official intelligence estimates of Soviet ship production have been grossly inaccurate, misleading both the executive branch and Congress about the extent of the threat that must be countered through our shipbuilding programme."

"We are being asked to spend billions on real ships to counter Russian ghost ships," he added.

Iran's oil production fell in June

TEHRAN July 18 (R). — Iran's average daily oil production dropped to 5.1 million barrels last month from 5.7 million barrels in the previous month, according to figures released by the state-owned National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC) yesterday.

The daily export average also fell from 5.2 million barrels in May to 4.5 million barrels in June, which included 1,339,400 barrels sold directly by the NIOC. An NIOC spokesman said the falls were seasonal.

In June last year daily production averaged 6.1 million barrels and exports 5.6 million barrels.

Heavy crude oil price is still out of line

TEHRAN, July 18 (R). — Iran's chief oil negotiator Jabshid Amouzegar said yesterday he hoped Kuwait and Saudi Arabia would be able to settle their heavy oil pricing problem before the next OPEC ministerial meeting in Caracas in December.

He told reporters the two countries were being given a chance to settle the issue bilaterally first adding "I hope they will reach a settlement before the Caracas meeting."

Last week's OPEC ministerial conference in Stockholm set up a special inter-ministerial sub-committee from Iraq and Venezuela to tackle price differentials in heavy crude oil.

LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

Following are official exchange rates in effect at the start of today's business day, as set by the Central Bank of Jordan.

Saudi riyal	92.5	93.0
Lebanese pound	107.5	108.0
Syrian pound	80.9	81.2
Iraqi dinar	940	945
Kuwaiti dinar	1137	1141
Egyptian pound	467	477
Libyan dinar	740	750
UAE dirham	83.5	84.5
U.K. sterling	569	575
U.S. dollar	330	332
German mark	140.3	140.7
French franc	67	67.3
Swiss franc	132.3	132.7
Italian lira (for every 100)	34.7	37.6

Dollar, pound drop against mark, franc

LONDON, July 18 (AFP). — The dollar and sterling lost out again to the Deutsche mark in early trading today.

The dollar was quoted 2.2765 marks against previous 2.283 while sterling was at 3.216 marks against previous 3.2425.

Both currencies also declined in relation to the Swiss and French francs.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Not received

WALL STREET REPORT

Not received

LONDON MARKET REPORT

The market closed lower Monday with government bonds leading the way showing net falls ranging to 1-3/8 points.

Fears about inflation and uncertainty surrounding the outcome of the economic debate in Parliament on Wednesday were the main factors affecting sentiment, dealers said.

At 15:00 the F.T. index was down 4.9 at 448.8.

Equity leaders were up lower, dollar stocks were mixed to harder and Australians eased.

GKN Beechams and Unilever dropped 4p. Others tended a penny to 3p lower. OEs were up to 4p lower and banks eased up to 3p. Gold shares also eased.

Price of gold closed Monday in London at \$143.85/oz.

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The qualified firms are to be provided with a complete scope of study required as a base to submit their financial offers. The qualification results will be final and not subject to any objection.

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HORSE RACING RESULTS

FIRST RACE :

For local country horses, beginners
Distance : 1,400 metres

The first : SAKIR
Owner : Rashid Odeh
Time : 1.441 minutes
The second : KLADIH
Owner : Sharifeh Nofah Naser
The third : M. RAIED
Owner : Ali A. Sokout
WIN : 200 fils — 3,800 fils
TWIN : 400 fils — JD 5

THIRD RACE :

For third class horses
Distance : 1,600 metres

The first : A. EL HAWA
Owner : Bahjat Fanous
Time : 1.49 minutes
The second : SINNAR
Owner : Mazin S. Lallas
The third : BOSHRAN
Owner : Khalil Borqari
WIN : 200 fils — 350 fils
TWIN : 400 fils — 900 fils

FIFTH RACE :

For second class horses
Distance : 1,600 metres

The first : EL SABIK
Owner : H.H. Sheikh Khalifeh Al Thani
Time : 1.484 minutes
The second : FAWWAR
Owner : Sami Yaqoub
The third : NASSAF
Owner : Youssef Kittaneh
WIN : 200 fils — 500 fils
TWIN : 400 fils — 2,400 fils

SECOND RACE :

For beginner horses
Distance : 1,400 metres

The first : JAMILEH
Owner : H.H. Sheikh Khalifeh Al Thani
Time : 1.414 minutes
The second : RADDAD
Owner : Saif H. Majali
The third : NAMNOUM
Owner : Samer Farkouh
WIN : 200 fils — 350 fils
TWIN : 400 fils — 850 fils

FOURTH RACE :

For third class horses
Distance : 1,600 metres

The first : AJEEL
Owner : H.H. Sheikh Khalifeh Al Thani
Time : 1.384 minutes
The second : NAVARTITI
Owner : H.H. Sheikh Khalifeh Al Thani
The third : ANBAR
Owner : Jean Sez nec
WIN : 200 fils — 350 fils
TWIN : 400 fils — 4,300 fils

SIXTH RACE :

Prize of Kamal Bisharat ;
For beginner horses
Distance : 1,600 metres

The first : FAYZIH
Owner : H.H. Sheikh Khalifeh Al Thani
Time : 1.524 minutes
The second : EYAR EL KHALIL
Owner : H.H. Sharif Hussein Ibn Naser
The third : BAHIR
Owner : H.H. Sharif Jamil Ibn Naser
WIN : 200 fils — 250 fils
TWIN : 400 fils — JD 12
DOUBLE TOTE : 400 fils — JD 1

Mrs. Bisharat presents the Kamal Bisharat Prize to the winner at the Royal Racing Club Sunday.

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FORECAST FOR TUESDAY, JULY 19, 1977

Your Daily HOROSCOPE from the CARROLL RICHTER INSTITUTE

GENERAL TENDENCIES: There is a present need for you to perform routine duties in a more efficient manner.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Study routine matters and figure a way to handle them more easily.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Do only work that is necessary before seeking pleasures that relieve you from some anxiety.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) The situation at home requires more thought and attention.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Put those new ideas to work that will make your daily efforts more productive.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Study your assets and figure a way to make them more valuable.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) A new attitude toward those you really like can ingratiate you into their good graces now.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You have much work to do so assume the right frame of mind instead of making it a drudgery.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) If you gain the assistance of clever friends you can attain your personal aims more readily.

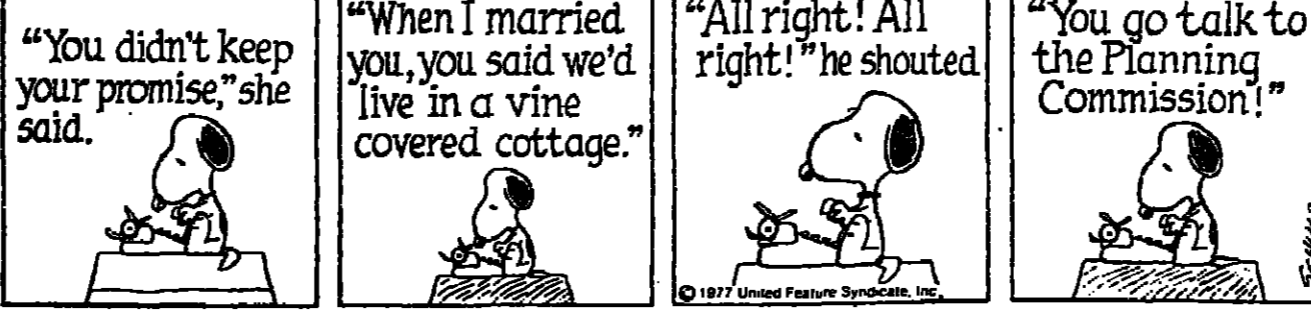
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Adopt a new attitude toward your responsibilities and you can handle them better.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Some new wrinkle added to present routine activities can make them easier and more profitable at this time.

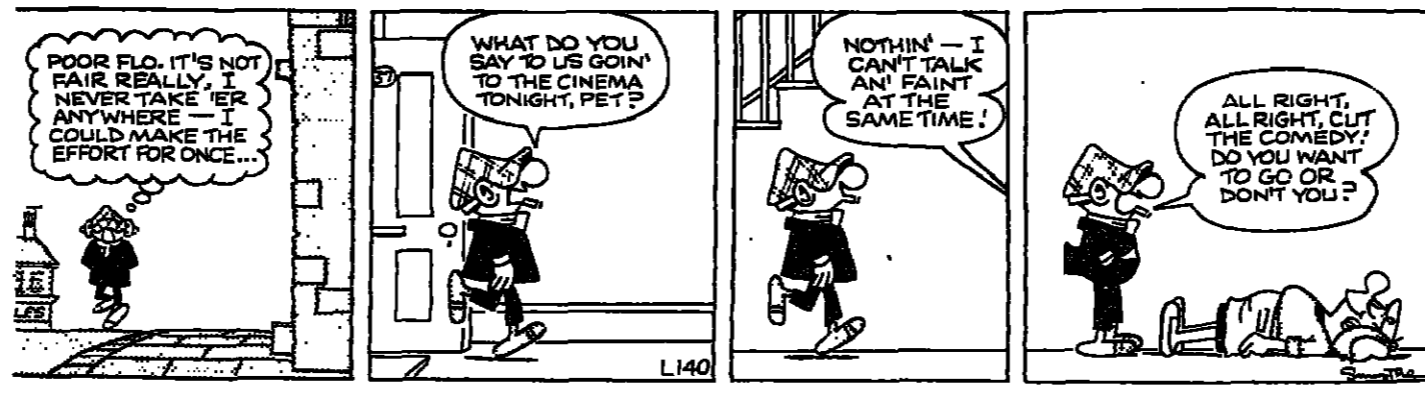
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Find a more modern system for handling your duties and they become more profitable.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Talk with associates and come to a finer understanding.

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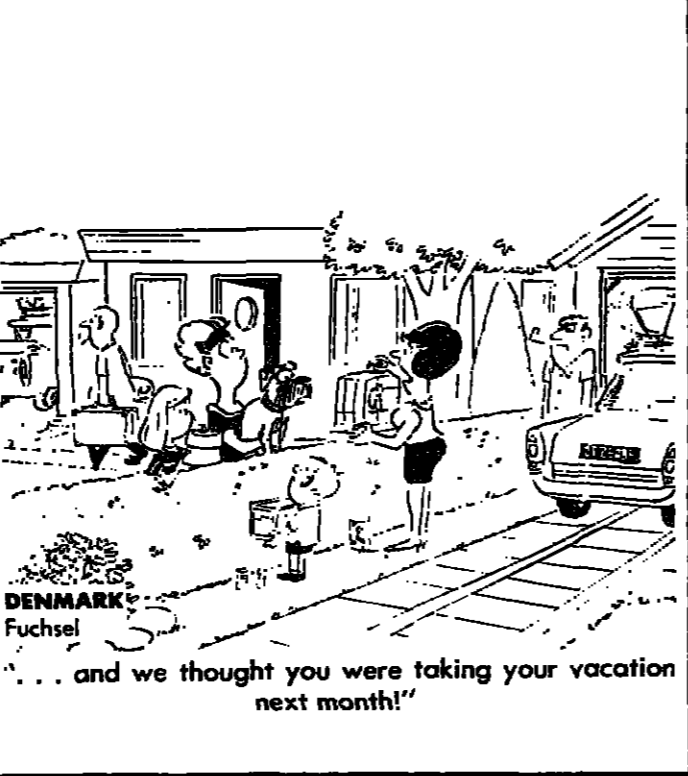
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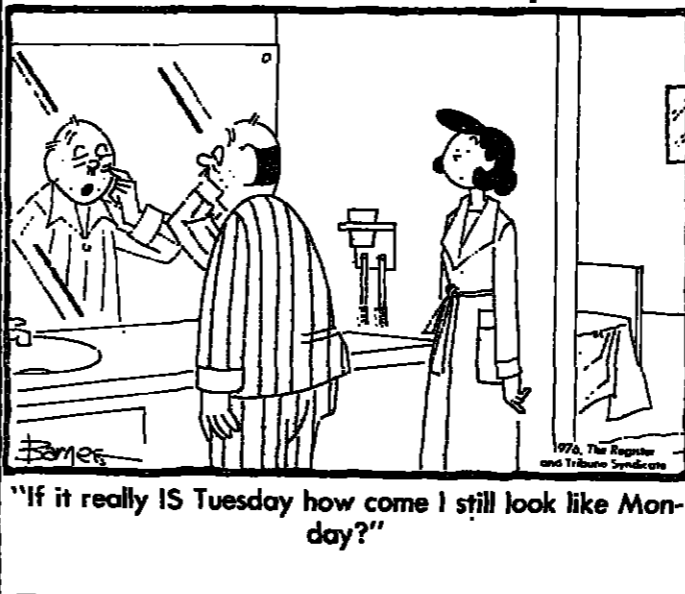
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THE BETTER HALF By Barnes



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A bird in the hand is better than two in the bush.

GORED BRIDGE

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Q.—In many of your recent columns you have mentioned the "weak" two-bid. What is it, and how do you combine it with forcing two-bids?—D.C. Lewis, Buffalo, N.Y. (This question has been awarded the weekly prize.)

A.—Like an opening three-bid, the weak two-bid is a preemptive action. Also, like an opening three-bid it is made on a hand of less than opening bid strength.

While other preemptive bids are designed more to interfere with opponents' bidding, the weak two-bid is a two-edged sword: its purpose is as much offensive as defensive.

Like all preemptive bids, a weak two-bid denies holding two aces. Also, it should seldom, if ever, be made on a hand with a void.

When you use weak two-bids, your only forcing bid is two clubs. This does not promise a club suit, but merely a hand on which you would have opened two of your suit had you not been playing weak two-bids.

Q.—How would you bid these hands?

West (D) ♦ K Q x East ♦ J 10 x x x ♣ K Q x ♣ A J x x x ♠ Q J x x x ♠ x x ♣ Q 9 ♣ Void

—R.R. W. Springfield, Ma.

West 10 East 1 ♠ 2 ♣ 3 ♣ 4 ♣

West has good three-card support for responder's suit, so he should raise rather than rebid.

his weak five-card minor, or misdescribe his club strength by bidding no trump. Despite his minimal point count, East surely intends going on to game once his long suit has been raised and should make one effort toward slam by showing his hearts. However, West should have no part of this with his aceless wonder, and should sign off with three spades. East should then be content with game.

Q.—How would you play six hearts on this hand:

♠ 5 4 2 ♠ 4 2 ♠ A K 10 8 6 ♠ 8 3 2 W N E ♠ A J 10 7 ♠ A K Q J 7 4 ♠ Q 9 ♠ A

West leads the king of clubs. —A. Joseph, New Orleans, La.

A.—By combining your chances in spades and diamonds, you can give yourself an excellent play for the slam. Win the opening lead and draw trumps, discarding a club and, if necessary, a spade from dummy. Now lead the nine of diamonds and finesse the ten. If it loses to the jack, the diamond suit should be good for three discards unless

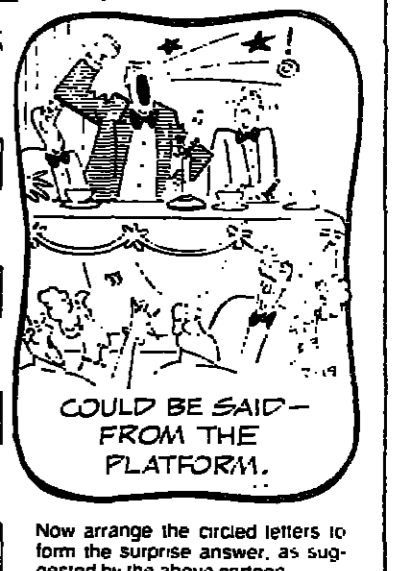
someone started with five diamonds, including the seven. You get to dummy by overtaking the queen of diamonds.

If the ten of diamonds holds, lead a spade and, if East follows, finesse. Win any return, overtake the queen of diamonds and cash the ace. If the jack of spades, your diamonds are good and you can discard your remaining low spades. If the jack does not drop, discard the spade seven and repeat the spade finesse. That will make the slam a whenever spade honors are split or the diamonds come in—a very high percentage probability.

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